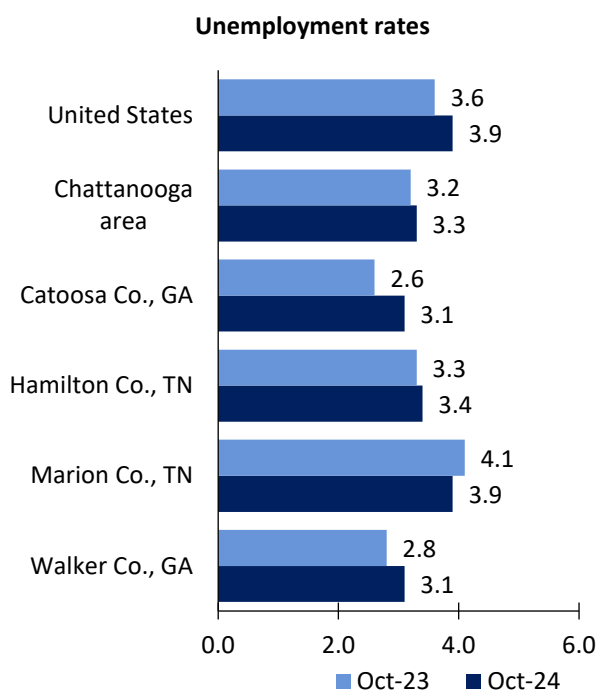


# Chattanooga, TN-GA, Area Economic Summary

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This summary presents a sampling of economic information for the area; supplemental data are provided for regions and the nation. Subjects include **unemployment, employment, wages, prices, spending, and benefits**. All data are not seasonally adjusted and some may be subject to revision. Area definitions may differ by subject. For more area summaries and geographic definitions, see <https://www.bls.gov/regions/economic-summaries.htm>.

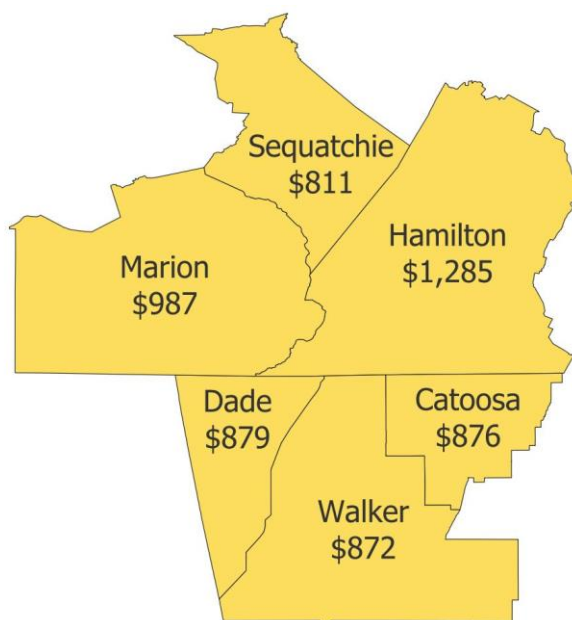
## Unemployment rates for the nation and selected areas



Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

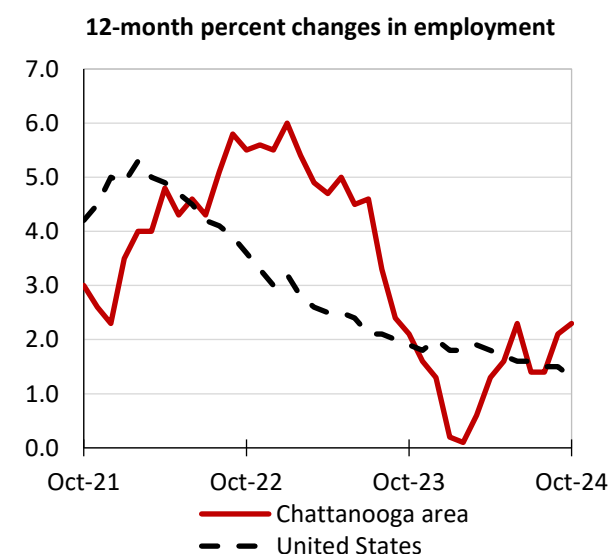
## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Chattanooga area, first quarter 2024  
(U.S. = \$1,527; Area = \$1,215)



Source: U.S. BLS, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

## Employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector, over-the-year changes



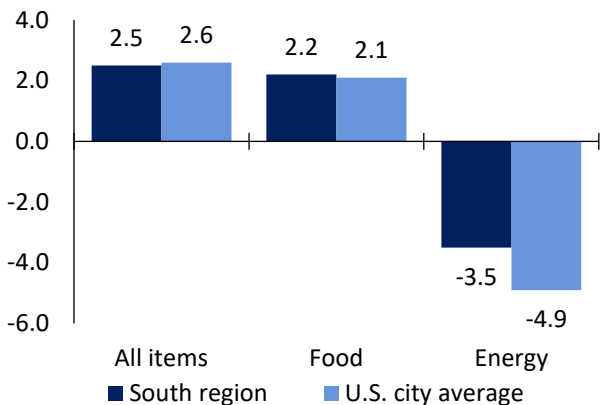
Chattanooga area employment (number in thousands)	Oct. 2024	Change from Oct. 2023 to Oct. 2024	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	292.6	6.6	2.3
Mining, logging, and construction	13.6	0.2	1.5
Manufacturing	40.0	0.2	0.5
Trade, transportation, and utilities	56.0	1.1	2.0
Information	3.3	-0.1	-2.9
Financial activities	25.9	1.5	6.1
Professional and business services	29.2	-1.4	-4.6
Education and health services	46.0	2.2	5.0
Leisure and hospitality	32.1	2.2	7.4
Other services	12.9	0.2	1.6
Government	33.6	0.5	1.5

Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.



Prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories, over-the-year change

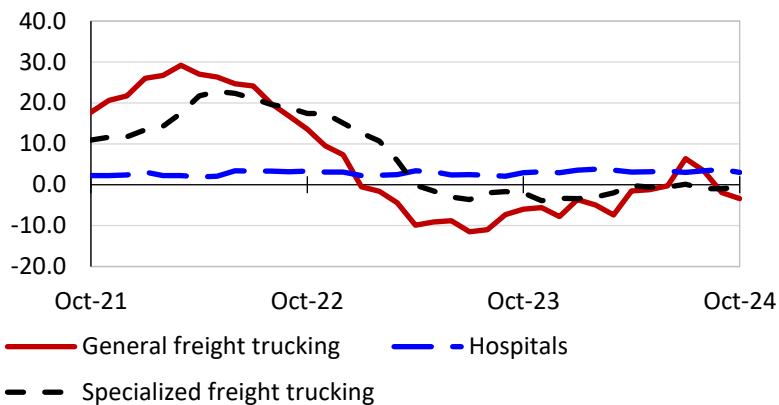
**12-month percent change in CPI-U, October 2024**



Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Price Index.

Selling prices received by producers for selected industries nationwide, over-the-year change

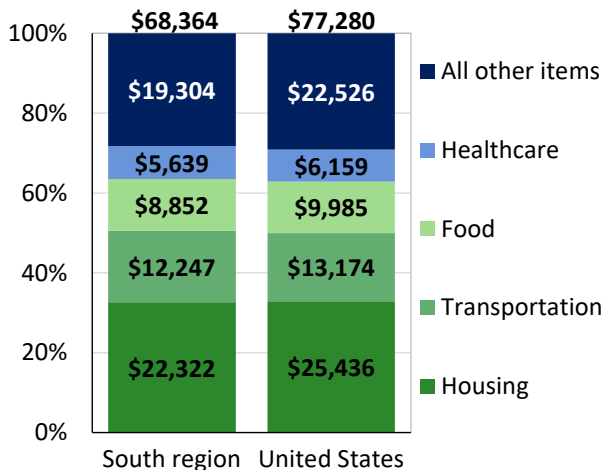
**12-month percent changes in PPI**



Source: U.S. BLS, Producer Price Index.

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

**Average annual expenditures, 2023**



Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Expenditure Survey.

Average hourly wages for selected occupations, May 2023

Occupation	Chattanooga area	United States
All occupations	\$26.19	\$31.48
Registered nurses	38.00	45.42
Accountants and auditors	37.13	43.65
Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers	25.83	26.92
Construction laborers	19.72	23.69
Customer service representatives	18.97	20.92
Stockers and order fillers	16.46	18.27

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics

Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

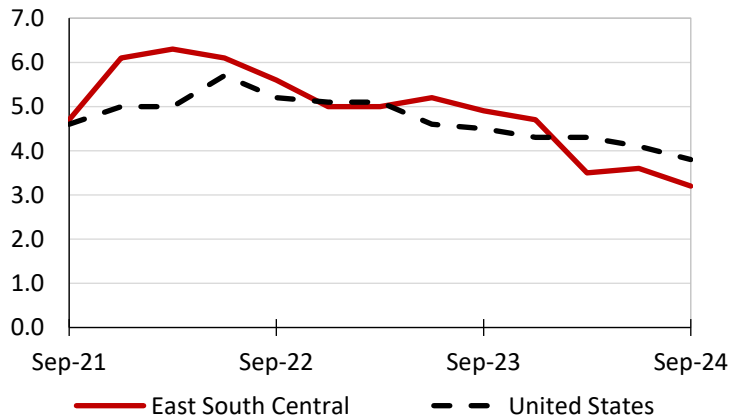
Private industry, June 2024	East South Central	United States
Total compensation	\$31.95	\$43.94
Wages and salaries	23.05	30.90
Total benefits	8.89	13.04
Paid leave	2.06	3.30
Vacation	1.05	1.69
Supplemental pay	1.25	1.76
Insurance	2.47	3.24
Retirement and savings	0.80	1.52
Legally required benefits	2.31	3.22

Map of Census Regions and Divisions

Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation.

Changes in wages and salaries over-the-year

**12-month percent changes in ECI**



Source: U.S. BLS, Employment Cost Index.

